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COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]18,933	.....	5,303	3,279	4,952	783	109	343	[2]133,622	.....	16,720	10,953	49,349	6,221	1,161	1,241
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]6,786	2,305	441	1,751	433	17	100	.....	[2]42,628	6,478	2,280	15,845	3,159	172	417
Massachusetts.....	196	133	55	...	104	3	1	(*)	988	623	221	...	704	19	8	3
Rochester.....	7	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	18	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	9	9	8	...	...	...	...	...	75	75	72	...	...	...	...	...
New York.....	7,395	2,628	944	534	4,285	405	39	313	58,388	18,771	5,889	3,501	43,671	2,633	393	1,048
Philadelphia.....	27	15	1	...	23	2	(*)	(*)	147	77	8	...	130	5	(*)	1
Maryland.....	6	2	(*)	3	1	(*)	(*)	(*)	134	29	2	26	79	20	(*)	4
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	5,871	1,759	2,609	2,665	11	(*)	...	(*)	11,595	3,048	4,326	6,791	29	6	...	1
New Orleans.....	345	69	286	24	...	...	...	...	861	203	671	139	...	...	...	...
Galveston.....	317	221	175	11	32	14	(*)	16	1,274	656	559	78	416	62	1	99
Laredo.....	157	117	147	1	1	(*)	...	(*)	527	387	507	2	2	2	...	(*)
Los Angeles.....	300	117	49	12	128	58	11	2	3,726	1,238	232	90	2,368	808	135	33
San Francisco.....	417	203	13	9	55	239	55	1	3,783	1,701	51	132	537	2,356	590	11
Washington.....	149	98	106	...	(*)	11	...	(*)	599	355	498	...	3	52	...	1
Alaska.....	34	34	16	...	(*)	17	...	...	47	44	8	...	2	33	...	...
Hawaii.....	25	9	12	...	...	7	3	...	74	31	4	...	...	37	29	...
Montana and Idaho.....	11	11	6	...	...	...	...	...	56	56	48	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	85	85	75	...	...	...	...	...	245	245	227	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	10	5	4	4	...	...	...	...	20	16	14	4	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	123	68	10	...	108	2	(*)	(*)	233	116	11	...	209	7	(*)	2
Chicago.....	818	231	456	...	200	20	1	8	4,099	1,234	2,556	...	1,134	152	2	38
Ohio.....	140	(*)	94	3	1	(*)	...	...	637	(*)	545	10	17	1	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	232	66	216	3	(*)	...	...	...	247	153	186	42	3	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	31	22	15	9	4	3	(*)	...	282	141	67	139	45	27	1	...
Special Category[3].....	2,229	876	...	...	...	...	...	...	45,565	13,409	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	8,277	.....	2,553	1,095	4,045	540	9	36	61,288	.....	7,636	2,113	42,915	6,001	215	399
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	3,063	855	169	1,716	302	3	19	.....	25,443	2,131	472	18,416	4,224	37	163
Massachusetts.....	36	28	4	...	31	2	...	...	629	488	148	...	416	14	...	...
Rochester.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	6	5	6	...	(*)	...	...	...	99	83	82	...	2	...	...	...
New York.....	4,231	1,814	223	64	3,699	211	3	31	44,921	17,985	2,420	775	38,737	1,579	111	341
Philadelphia.....	8	8	...	...	8	...	...	...	613	579	...	...	580	...	...	...
Maryland.....	21	4	(*)	...	21	...	...	(*)	297	52	1	...	266	...	...	4
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	2,251	513	1,276	959	7	8	(*)	...	2,490	857	1,101	1,224	80	16	(*)	...
New Orleans.....	104	70	104	(*)	...	...	...	...	57	35	40	1	...	...	...	...
Galveston.....	94	8	86	1	7	...	...	(*)	251	110	97	38	88	...	...	8
Laredo.....	117	115	117	...	...	...	...	...	108	87	88	...	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	225	64	40	1	97	87	1	1	3,245	812	1,198	23	1,000	781	23	37
San Francisco.....	153	106	20	(*)	26	100	5	3	1,249	676	35	1	284	754	77	5
Washington.....	125	95	22	...	1	101	(*)	...	2,063	1,638	168	...	48	1,774	4	...
Alaska.....	4	4	(*)	...	(*)	4	...	...	899	896	(*)	...	1	896	...	...
Hawaii.....	10	7	...	...	2	8	...	...	201	71	...	...	17	70	...	...
Montana and Idaho.....	1	1	1	...	(*)	...	...	...	11	10	10	...	(*)	...	...	...
Dakota.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	21	18	20	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	31	18	2	...	29	...	...	...	228	130	12	...	192	...	...	...
Chicago.....	172	78	58	(*)	107	6	...	1	3,234	770	1,907	(*)	1,092	81	...	4
Ohio.....	15	1	12	...	4	(*)	...	...	194	15	97	...	56	4	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	637	118	565	70	3	(*)	...	...	263	83	165	51	19	2	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	33	4	18	...	3	12	...	...	199	48	48	...	38	29	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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